



Press release

ECFD welcomes important breakthrough by European Parliaments vote on RED

Brussels, 16th September 2022 – European Confederation of fuel Distributors (ECFD – European Association of Small and Medium-sized Oil Companies) welcomes the position adopted by the European Parliament. With its decision the Parliament set ambitious quotas for efuels by 2030, a long demand by ECFD and its members.

“The European Parliament’s endorsement is a strong and most welcome signal to accelerate the market ramp up of efuels. With a now very much clearer regulatory environment for companies this decision paves the way for planning and investment security of companies.” says ECFD Secretary General Matthias Ploetzke.

In its decision the share of renewable fuels of non-biological origin (RFNBOs) in the transport sector should be at least 5.7 % by 2030; in industry, their share should be 50 % of the hydrogen used in industry by 2030 and even 70 % by 2035. “We are delighted that this is more ambitious than what the EU Commission has proposed. Furthermore, the current political circumstances make more than clear to all that we cannot follow a ‘business as usual’ line and that Europe must rethink its energy supply.” Ploetzke continues. ECFD also welcomes that the EP decided on the electricity supply for the production of hydrogen and eFuels. Good quotas for transport and industry with sizeable production capacities need feasible sustainability criteria upfront.

European Parliament and Council still need to seek consensus. “We urge representatives of the EU Member State and the Commission to follow the EP in the trilogue negotiations.”



ABOUT ECFD

ECFD is the voice of more than 10,000 distributors of liquid fuels in the EU member states, bringing their competence to the EU level. With an average share of 60 % of filling stations being family-owned members operate mainly independently from major energy companies. ECFD members maintain and secure a reliable supply of conventional fuels, biofuels, LPG and CNG to customers across Europe. In addition, ECFD is actively engaged in the low-carbon energy transition via renewable fuel for the mobility and heating sector. Our members supply sustainable conventional and advanced biofuels and are committed to the rapid market take-off of synthetic powerbased fuels in order to achieve the European climate protection targets. Our members own convenience retail outlets and motorway service areas and provide a range of high quality products and services to European consumers. They also manage and supply fuels used in non-road areas like agricultural machinery, shipping and public sector works. Modern heating and mobility with liquid fuels provides millions of European households with improved air quality, thanks to cleaner fuels with reduced sulphur content, higher energy savings, thanks to well-proven and mature technology, affordable solutions for vulnerable consumers, thanks to the low cost of upgrading to more energy efficient heating systems and alternative clean mobility solutions.

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